



Lt. James Schroeder



P.O. Joseph Castellitto



P.O. Brandan Hogan

On November 23, 2008 a warrant was issued by the New Jersey Department of Corrections for an individual wanted for escape. This individual was serving a sentence for the crime of Possession of Weapons (sawed off shotgun).

On January 24, 2009 Ridgefield police received information that the wanted person was possibly at the Days Inn, Ridgefield and was possibly in possession of a weapon. It was also reported that the suspect threatened to commit serious bodily harm to a female companion.

Lieutenant Schroeder immediately obtained all information, obtained possible aliases that the suspect was using and contacted the Department of Corrections Fugitive Unit to verify the warrant. Lieutenant Schroeder obtained information that a person using one of the fugitives' aliases was registered at the hotel. The New Jersey Department of Corrections Fugitive Unit was advised of this and immediately dispatched a fugitive team to Ridgefield as Ridgefield officers kept constant surveillance on the hotel.

The Department of Corrections Fugitive Unit, along with Ridgefield Police Officers Lieutenant James Schroeder, Police Officer Joseph Castellitto and Police Officer Brandan Hogan successfully arrested the suspect.

Therefore, I would like to commend the following officers for their actions on January 24, 2009 Lieutenant James Schroeder, Police Officer Joseph Castellitto and Police Officer Brandan Hogan. They are a true credit to the citizens of Ridgefield.

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